

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the above-mentioned application by amending the paragraph which starts on page 2, line 26 as follows:

Dietary fiber gels for calorie reduced foods hold the key to meeting this need. Dietary fiber gels for calorie reduced foods are fully described in U.S. Patent number 5,766,662 (the '662 patent). These dietary fiber gels comprise insoluble dietary fibers consisting of morphologically disintegrated cellular structures, and are characterized by their ability to retain large amounts of water. The dietary fiber gels are produced by shearing agricultural by-products, such as seed brans, hulls, and so forth, under alkaline conditions. Dietary fiber gels in a hydrated form can exist as a gel, and in the dehydrated form as flakes and powders. Additionally, these dietary fiber gels are characterized by their high viscosity at low solid levels. Other insoluble fibers derived from cereals, grains and legumes consist of morphologically intact cellular structures, and thus impart a gritty texture to the foods in which they are contained. The dietary fiber gels disclosed in the '662 patent, however, consist of morphologically disintegrated cellular structures and thus impart a smoother texture than other insoluble fiber formulations. A physically smooth morphology is readily revealed under electron microscopic magnification of dietary fiber gel. Without being bound by any specific theory, it is believed that the smooth morphology reflects an amorphous nature of the insoluble compounds that constitute dietary fiber gel.